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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, December 24.
The Silver Market is quiet.
LONDON, December 24.
Montagu's report also shows the market quiet. It says that Shanghai exchange continues to fluctuate slightly.

THE COTTON MARKET.

LONDON, December 24.
The Liverpool Cotton Association announces that the restrictions upon the selling of "futures" have been removed.

CHARTERED BANK INCREASES CAPITAL.

LONDON, December 24.
At a meeting of the stockholders of the Chartered Bank of India, a resolution was passed increasing the capital to two millions sterling.

THE COTTON STRIKE.

MILLS REOPENED.

LONDON, December 24.
At a joint conference of cotton employers and operatives at Manchester, the terms of settlement, involving a fifty per cent. advance, were signed; and the mills reopened this morning.

SPAIN AND GERMANY.

A BELATED ACTION.

LONDON, December 19.
The Madrid correspondent of *The Times*, telegraphed on December 13, states that the Romanones Government had intimated to the German Ambassador that he was no longer a persona grata. He and his staff would be handed their passports on the morrow.

ENGLISH RACING RESUMES.

LONDON, December 20.
The Jockey Club has announced that racing will be resumed on a pre-war scale, including the Derby at Epsom on June 4. Altogether 280 days of racing are being arranged for.

THE ELECTION.

LARGE SOLDIER VOTE.

LONDON, December 20.
It is stated that soldiers are voting in large numbers. The percentage of soldier voters is probably higher than the civilians.

THE KING AND PRESIDENT WILSON.

LONDON, December 20.
The King has cancelled his usual Christmas visit to Sandringham, and remains in London to welcome President Wilson. This is believed to indicate that the American President will be a guest of His Majesty at Buckingham Palace.

AN IMPERIAL WELCOME.

It is hoped that representatives of the Dominions may be present to enable the official greeting of President Wilson to assume an Imperial character.
It is stated that the change in President Wilson's arrangements was due to the necessity of his curtailing his stay in Europe by a few days.

QUEER WAR TRADES.

Some queer and profitable trades have come into being since 1914. Small fortunes appear to be made in the streets. Hawkers, fined for profiteering in matches, have been found recently with large sums in notes on their persons. A vendor of cabbage in the City, who used to stand on the kerb, has decided since the influenza epidemic to open a shop.
There is a great market for the teeth of dogs in these days. They have a commercial value that is not disclosed by the dealers, but there is more than one firm in the City making a good thing out of these goods.
Dried eggs were not greatly in demand before the war. A firm of pottery merchants started to import dried eggs from China as a side line. Now they are complaining of the superabundance of the article, and the market is almost flooded.
There is a firm in the Midlands that carries on a secret trade in "souvenirs" from France. It is privately owned, and does a big business in the sale of tin buttons made from shells, and paperweights made from the flint and jet of the battlefield.
A hawker, who made a poor living out of bootlaces and pipe-cleaners before the war, has returned on his profits made in the last three years in different lines of goods. He sold humorous pictures of the Kaiser with trick flourishes. He owns a cottage in Surrey now.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

FIELD-MARSHAL HAIG'S RETURN.

FURTHER DETAILS.

LONDON, December 19th.
On stepping ashore, Sir Douglas Haig inspected both guards amidst terrific cheers. He then entered a motor-car with the Mayor of Dover. His victorious General followed in other cars. The route was lined with soldiers and was gayly decorated. There was a triumphal arch at the Dockyard entrance, surmounted by anti-aircraft guns, with banners of welcome from the Dover Patrol and the Sixth Patrol of Dover. The members of the Patrol assembled and gave a mighty cheer. The drive to the Marine Station on the pier was a scene of history in which unbounded enthusiasm was displayed. At a reception in the station, the Recorder of Dover read an address of welcome.
SIR DOUGLAS'S SPEECH.
Replying to an address on behalf of himself and his Generals, Sir Douglas Haig said that they recognized that the greetings were more than merely personal, and that they sprang from a profound realization of the historic greatness of the occasion and of all it symbolised for the future of our race. He and his Generals knew that the war came against the feelings of gratitude and admiration which Great Britain entertained for the wonderful men whose unequalled courage and endurance brought us by victory to peace. He referred in glowing terms to Dover's historic role, which was splendidly maintained during war.
The Lord-Lieutenant, Lord Harris, presented a second address of welcome, to which Sir Douglas Haig replied. The Field-Marshal and party then left for London.

RECEPTION IN LONDON.

On arrival at Charing Cross, he was welcomed by the Duke of Connaught, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. J. M. B. Botha, Sir Robert Borden, Sir S. P. Sinha, the Maharajah of Bikanir, and other Dominion Statesmen, now in London, the members of the War Cabinet, Mr. H. H. Asquith and other distinguished persons. The Grenadiers furnished a guard of honour and the band played "See the Conquering Hero Comes."
Five royal carriages were in waiting, in which Sir D. Haig and his companions drove to Buckingham Palace, along the cheering streets, amid the cheering of the people.
As Sir Douglas Haig's carriage emerged from the station, the Church of St. Martin's bells pealed merrily, and a gigantic crowd raised a great cheer which was taken up by dense masses all along Duncannon Street.

LOOKING WELL.

Sir Douglas Haig looked well, his hand continually at the salute, acknowledging the welcome.
A squadron of aeroplanes circled over the station.
One of the mightiest shouts ever heard in London greeted his appearance in Trafalgar Square, which was black with people, and along Cockspur Street, Pall Mall, St. James' Street, and Piccadilly, down Constitutional Hill, to the palace, it was one continuous roar of cheering.
Passing into the Palace, the party was received by their Majesties the King and Queen and other Royalties. Altogether 48 persons, down to luncheon, including their Majesties, Prince Albert, Princess Mary, the Premier, Lord Milner, Hon. Lady Haig, General Sir William Robertson, General Sir Henry Wilson, and Sir Douglas Haig's General Staff.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S IDEAS.

PARIS, December 19th.
President Wilson has issued a Note denying that he approves of a "League to enforce peace." He adds that he believes a League of Nations is absolutely indispensable to the maintenance of peace.
President Wilson is the opinion that the Inter-Allied Conference should, as far as possible, be public, but he expected that it would be necessary to arrange many preliminaries confidentially, settling them finally in open sittings. The Germans will probably not be present at the Preliminary Conference, but will be invited to the League of Nations, but informed opinion seems to consider that their presence will be called for.

SITUATION IN GERMANY.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT.

COPENHAGEN, December 19th.
A conference representing the whole country is meeting on December 20th for the purpose of electing a President for the German Republic.
COPENHAGEN, December 19th.
A telegram from Berlin states that the Congress of Soviets names Herr Ebert as President. From the Minister of the Interior, as candidates for the presidency of the German Republic.
It was emphasized that the election should be soon, so that Germany might have a supreme head of the Empire at the Peace Conference.

THE EX-KAISER.

COPENHAGEN, December 18th.
A telegram from Berlin states that Herr Ebert has declared that the Government does not wish to extradite the ex-Kaiser.
A telegram from Berlin, December 18th, states that the ex-Kaiser is in bed with a chill.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BARRING HUNS.

RESOLUTIONS BY CEYLON, MALAYA, AND SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Dec. 23rd.
The Ceylon Legislative Council has passed a resolution that no German or Austrian be permitted to reside in Ceylon, at least for some years.
The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution that no enemy, including enemies naturalized in a neutral country, be allowed to trade, or own, or lease property in Ceylon; also that no imports or exports from and to an enemy country, be permitted, except through Allied subjects.
A crowded and enthusiastic meeting in East London unanimously passed a resolution, protesting against the inhuman treatment of British prisoners, demanding the adequate punishment of the instigators of German atrocities on land and sea, the repatriation of all enemy subjects in South Africa and the captured Colonies, legislation for review, and cancellation, where necessary, of naturalization certificates of enemy subjects; the amendment of immigration laws so as to prevent enemy subjects' admission in the future and the non-restoration of Germany's African Colonies.
A big public meeting at Singapore passed similar resolutions applying to Malaya, "for at least ten years after Peace."

ESTHONIAN REPUBLIC.

LONDON, December 19th.
A telegram from the Estonian Premier, received in London, after dwelling on the difficulties of the few Estonian troops opposing the Bolshevik advance, places the Estonian Republic under the protection of the Entente Powers.
USE OF GERMAN SHIPS.
A GERMAN MISREPRESENTATION.
LONDON, December 19th.
Reuter is informed that Mr. Herbert Hoover, the American Food Controller, telegraphed from Paris, that the demands made by Marshal Foch as a condition for the extension of the armistice, for the use of 2,500,000 tons of cargo space lying in German ports was made on behalf of the Allies, and was not as Mr. The proposal is that Germany should be used solely to supply the Allies with food-stuffs, but for the pooling of that tonnage under Allied control.

INFLUENZA IN SOUTH AFRICA.

COPENHAGEN, December 19th.
It is authoritatively stated that the "Spanish" influenza epidemic in South Africa resulted in financial loss to the insurance companies of £1,500,000.
A leading manager states that in a few weeks the epidemic cost the companies considerably more than the whole war. Very heavy claims have been paid out in Cape Colony and the Orange Free State.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

[The following order is repeated as the parade is required for exceptions' police reasons and there will be no further opportunity of public duty.]
Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, C.B.E.
CHINESE COMMAND.
All members of No. 3 Company, Ambulance, Engineers and Drummers, including those on duty that night, will parade at Central Station at 5.15 p.m. on Fri., December 27th. Uniform, Caps and Covers, Belts, and Gapes. No Rifle, Ambulance equipment or Band instruments are to be brought on parade. No exemption will be granted. Roll Books will be presented for examination.
December 24th, 1917.

FIRE IN BARRACKS.

The Fire Alarm, sounded on the night, aroused such soldiers as were asleep in Victoria and Wellington Barracks at about 11 o'clock last night. The cause of the alarm proved to be a match in the Army Services Corps compound at the A. S. C. Pier which was well alight. The troops turned out to the scene of the outbreak but could do nothing to save the shed and when it was seen that there was no danger to the buildings in the vicinity returned to bed. The shed was used by Indian watchmen as a residence.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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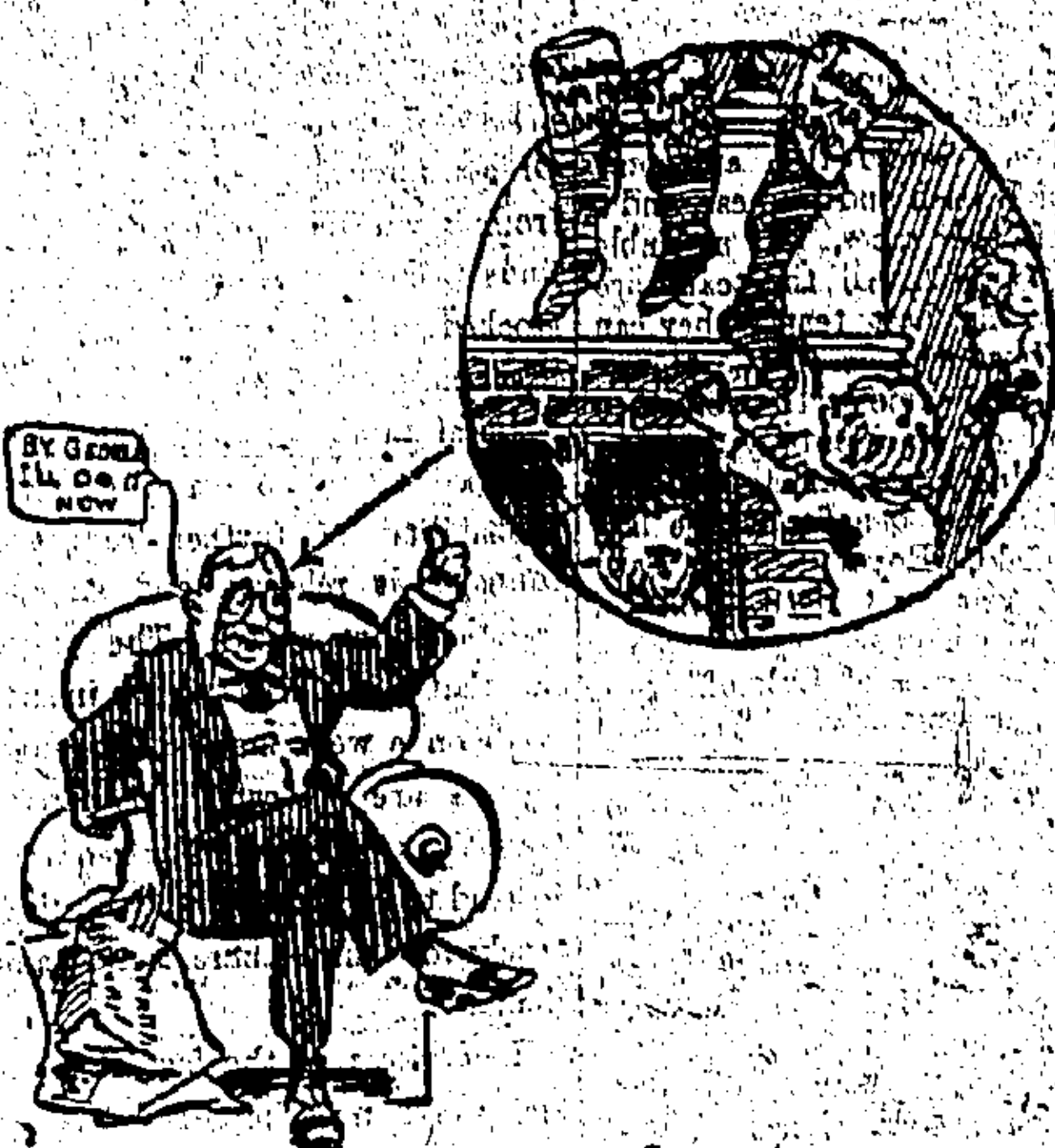
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All intending TRANSFERS should be sent on or before the 21st December, 1918.

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WHEN HOLLAND BULLIED CHINA

REMARKABLE REVELATIONS

Now that China knows she is secure for ever against any threat of German aggression, she is quite ready to tell us how she has been bullied by a pro-German Dutchman. The Shanghai Mercury says:—

Intimidation, misleading, and threats, are the three heads under which Peking sets forth its plaint. On three points there was intimidation regarding the internment, the deportation, and the liquidation of the Deutsche Bank. With regard to those we now know that China was quite willing that Germany should either be interned or deported, but there were other factors which appeared at the last moment when it will be remembered, vessels were ready for the deportation. Of these we have now quite reliable information which shows us that for once, and for the time being, the Allies were actually intimidated by fear of Hun frightfulness.

We cannot exactly blame them, since we now know that there are no limits to the demagogical cruelty of which the Hun is capable, and it was perhaps good policy to recognise that fact on account of the Allied prisoners then in Hun hands. Now, there is all the greater reason why deportation should promptly be carried out, if only to show that frightfulness pays no better than war. The Dutch Minister, when he objected to the deportation of Germans to Australia on the ground that they were being ill-treated there, doubtless comforted himself with generalities. A man may be "ill-treated" when he is deprived of motor-cars and ice-cream! But when that same Minister proceeded to threaten China with reprisals on the 700,000 law-abiding Chinese in the Dutch East Indies, he was guilty of something far worse than an indiscretion. Such a threat was a crime deserving of the severest punishment that can be inflicted—and which is now to be inflicted—on a man whose office makes his person sacred—the demand for his recall.

It will, perhaps, be argued that in regard to the intimidation complained of, there was at the time no strong repudiation by the Chinese Government; that if there had been any such strong feeling, we should have known of it. Various reasons might be offered why this was, or might have been, so. We have already excused China for sitting on the fence, and have pointed to the excellent company which she kept.

That president shows to have occupied the same position at various times. Then there is the undoubted fact that in China, as in Japan, there was for various reasons, a strong pro-German party: for more reasons in fact, in China than in Japan. China, at the time, was not at all in love with Japan, and Japan was on the side of the Allies. Besides, the Hun was spending money hand over fist. He was pouring it out like water, and there is no land in which the prodigious expenditure of money produces such immediate effects as it does here. The mere fact that such expenditure was necessary proves that there was no great majority of thinking men in China who were pro-Prussian. It is difficult to see how any educated man could have been except for material reasons. But the Dutch Minister seems to have worked this section with an astuteness which might have been imported from the Wilhelmstrasse. That he overdid the mark is now evident.

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PEACE PROSPECTS.

Everything was to be all right after the war. Once Germany beaten, and the Allies, with America, full of a sweet reasonableness, were to do the right thing by everybody. It is too soon—it is always too soon—to be pessimistic; but in these last days before Christmas things look less promising than an idealist might hope. The forthcoming Peace Conference is producing a crop of suggestions, warnings, demands, and other utterances, that smell less of peace and of Christmas than they do of a caucus of Irishmen preparing a Home Rule Bill. Great Britain warns everybody against proposals that would seem to threaten her right to go on ruling the waves. Italy (ignoring the loving talk of the King and the Parisians) says that if other Powers take territory in the Mediterranean, she must have some too. The Labourites, speaking of a great international conference to be held simultaneously with the Peace Conference, throw out hints that the opposition meeting, so to speak, must not dream of ignoring them. They even give the Peace Conference one or two instructions how it is to proceed. America, to speak generally of its latest utterances, takes the tone toward the idealists and dreamers of the world that Codrin, not Short, is their friend. Australia makes early and emphatic claims to Pacific possessions formerly belonging to Germany. Japan seems likely to put a garnish on some of them; and is said to have told China, what not to ask for. Altogether the outlook is what might have been expected, by shrewd students of international politics. The Peace Conference is like to be as a clash a job as the war was, if the recent telegraphic news in any way guides. That there is a talk season in hope for a happy solution of all the knotty points presented goes without saying, for the sufficient reason that in one respect this Conference will be better than the war was, if the recent telegraphic news in any way guides. No delegate that is to any of any Power whatsoever, can assume

a high-handed or truculent demeanor. Unlike the diplomat of the old "secret diplomacy" system, he cannot bluff. They are all (with two possible exceptions) sick of war, and unless their spokesmen are deceitful men, they have even acquired a moral horror of it. Some of these pre-Conference proclamations, we may hope, are quite unofficial. The journalist and the partisan is irrefragable at such times, but no longer can the "patriotic" of such fellows be as capable of mischief as they used to be. The intervening season of Good Will ought to have its effect. Let the prayers of the righteous be especially devoted at this time to that end, that the dream of a reasonable world may be more in the minds of men, and their leaders be more willing to work for it as a practicable issue of the Conference.

Meanwhile, the significance of one recent telegram deserves passing mention. It told us that there will be no ships available for emigration until next Autumn. This news affects many of the soldiers who in the meantime will be arriving at their homes. The idea some while ago was, that this augmentation of an overcrowded labour market (so dreaded by some thoughtful observers) might be mitigated by emigration. Whether for their own men only, or for British as well, is not clear, but the Australian Government has been making provision to provide land for soldiers. The States separately would allocate the lands, and the Commonwealth would advance money up to twenty millions sterling to assist the settlement of the soldiers. Under the scheme, a soldier might get a block of land and an advance up to £500 to plant it, stock it, and turn it into a home and farm. The fact that a report has been made to the Board of Trade suggests that what the Australian calls "Pommes"—British immigrants—are to share in the scheme, after the Andean, is not a new idea. The benefit will come too late. The trouble that so many people have been dreading will have to be faced. Britain will need a

domestic Peace Conference of her own. As we have hinted, it is not certain that the Australian scheme is open to soldiers from the United Kingdom. They need more colonists, but the extreme elements of the Labour Party in power is not keen to have them. In any event, it may be said at once that the prospect for a soldier taking up farming in that country is far from a rosy one. He will be, unless a very adaptable and courageous fellow, shocked by the conditions he will meet. The best land has long been occupied, and that which is not the best is often very poor indeed. Already Australian soldiers returned, who should be better able to tackle the job than a Briton used to his own well-watered soil, have been grumbling at some of the places offered to them. So what is to become of the boys who do not get their jobs back, is a problem only a rash emigrant would tackle; this distance. Notwithstanding all this, there is a bright side. The acuter hell of war has burned out. Families are reuniting. Good intentions are in the air. We are encouraged to utter the old wish:

A HAPPY XMAS AND BRIGHT
NEW YEAR.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The holidays, like justice and food and the right to live, belong all round. Monopoly is horrid. Privilege is wrong. So there will be no "China Mail" for you on Wednesday or Thursday.

The construction of a breakwater at Chefoo has made good progress. It now shows above water.

Mr. Francis Arnold of Manila, and formerly of the Daily Press staff here, leaves by to-morrow's steamer.

Books and magazines are still wanted for the soldiers and sailors of the garrison. This is a reminder to our generous readers who have been so good before.

The Dockyard Recreation Club are holding an Invitation Dance in the Naval Theatre on Friday, December 27. Dancing will be from 8.30 p.m. till 11 p.m. Mr. V. Stannard is the Hon. Secretary.

Dr. F. Kew brought from Australia with him some good sporting dogs, including a remarkably promising black setter puppy, which has already won prizes.

The Hongkong Tramway Company's receipts for the week were \$13,846, an increase of \$753 over the corresponding period last year. For the 51 weeks, the amount was \$703,923 which was \$19,088 more than last year.

American missionaries and their adherents have been petitioning their Minister at Peking to do what he can to prevent the threatened invasion of China by American brewers, who have had to seek a fresh field.

The Shanghai Tea Trade Guild has received a letter from the China Tea Association, formed by British merchants, requesting it to nominate a Chinese representative to join the Committee of that Association which will become henceforth an international institution.

The American Consul-General has received instructions from Washington indicating that the War Trade Board of the United States has made arrangements that on and after December 16th, individual licences for the exportation of all commodities not on the Conservation List of the United States will not be necessary and such goods can be exported without individual licences to the United Kingdom, France, Italy and Japan including all their colonies and protectorates.

Information has been received in Tokyo that the N.Y.K. Chamulpo Maru, 3,797 tons, one of the steamers chartered to the United States, has stranded on Ile d'Yeu, off the west coast of France while en route from that port to the United States with a cargo on board. All the crew were rescued, but there is no prospect of the ship being saved. The Chamulpo Maru was built in France as long ago as 1896. This ship being so old, it is not believed that the loss to the company will be very considerable.

Yet another Japanese adviser has been placed upon the pay roll of the Chinese Government. This latest acquisition is Baijo Sakakini, who has been appointed Financial Adviser and as such is said to outrank any other foreign adviser. He is given almost supreme power in the financial matters, but what is most interesting is that his advice must not be disregarded. He is not to be permitted to draw his salary of 24,000 annually, with payment of \$10,000 yearly for three years, until he has given his advice on all financial matters. The trouble that so many people have been dreading will have to be faced. Britain will need a

BOXING DAY FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG SHIELD MATCHES.

On Thursday afternoon, Boxing Day, the Happy Valley will be the scene of four Hongkong Shield ties, and some thousands of British and Chinese, and a sprinkling of other races, will assemble to see the games. All the teams are turning out the best they can, and the Happy Valley will see some well-contested football, and can incidentally assist in a very deserving fund, namely the fund organized for the benefit of the late Sgt. Linfield, Royal Naval Yard Police, who was shot dead while on duty in the Kowloon Depot.

The matches, times of kick off, probable teams, etc., will be found appended.

R.G.A. v. Royal Navy. On the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Q. M. Sgt. Allan, Manchester Rd.

Royal Navy: Crocker, Biggs, Warren, Niles, Smith, Lowson, Travis, McNeven, Neal, Warren and Galvin.

R.G.A.: Taylor, Sharman, Youngman; Middleton, Tallford, Worley; Johnson, Lieut. Torr, Green, Gibson and Morris.

St. Joseph's College v. South China Athletic. On the Club ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. F. W. Wright.

South China Athletic: Lee, Hing Cheong, Cheung Wing Hon, Fung Tai, Leung, Fok Tong, Leung Tai Fong, Chan So, Kwok Po Kan, An Kit Sang, Tin Koon Shan, Ko Sik Wai and Wong Pak Chung.

St. Joseph's College: E. Souza; W. Ogley, E. P. Hyndman; S. Sepher, S. Marcel, P. Xavier; R. Omar, E. R. Hyndman, (captain), E. Moodeen, J. Silva, and L. Xavier.

Hongkong F.C. v. Kowloon. On the Navy ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Petty Officer Tucker, R.N.

Hongkong Club: Hamilton, McCubbin and Black; Carriere, Stuart and Chassels; Jennings, MacLachlan, Reichelmann, Clark and Taylor.

Kowloon: Britto, Jackson, Cave; Langenberg, White, Abbas; Wheeler, Ramussen, Knight, Hyder, Osborne.

Royal Engineers v. Staff and Departments. On the M.B. ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Brown, R.N.

Royal Engineers: Smith, Charter, Waller; Hooper, Townsend, Millard, Jarvis and Escall. Staff and Departments: Glennay, Wain, Scoullar, Knight, Sherill, Strang, Brown, Bilsen, Street, Flarby, Kirby.

R.E.A. MAY NOT PLAY.

From enquiries we learn that there is a likelihood of the R.E. and Staff and Departments shield tie not being played. It appears that the R.E.s are unwilling to play on Boxing Day, but as the Shield officials have made all arrangements they may disapprove of the postponement.

R. G. A. XMAS TREE.

An early sign of the season was noticeable at the Royal Artillery Theatre Victoria Barracks, yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the annual Xmas tree for the R. G. A. families. Among a distinguished military party present were noticed H. E. Major General F. Ventris, G.O.C., Miss Ventris, Colonel W. H. Passby, R.G.A., Major Apthorpe, A.S.C., Captain H. Brewster, Antim R.G.A., Captain P. Nevill, R.E.S., R.G.A., and many other officers and ladies. Tea was provided by the Wiseman Cafe, following which there was short cinema entertainment, then the distribution of toys, which had been obtained from England.

The mantle of Father Christmas descended upon the shoulders of Lieut. A.O. Colman, R.G.A., and he performed this coveted job with commendable ability. Assistance in amusing the children was given by the call of Father Christmas. Colonel Passby related by calling for three cheers for Father Christmas and the children put their best efforts into the response. Finally Colonel Passby, the officers and ladies of the R.G.A., were thanked for the capital entertainment. Gunner Revell provided the music at the piano, while Master Gunner May generally supervised the arrangements for the function.

TENNIS.

DOCKYARD R.C. v. S.P. CO. R.G.A.

This match was in connection with the Hard Court Tennis League, and was played in the Dockyard on Sunday. Scores:—Riley and Treman beat Rollett and Amy 6-5, beat Pragnell and Kirby 8-3, lost to Gibbons and Leach 4-7. Crocker and Perry lost to Gibbons and Leach 4-7, beat Pragnell and Kirby 9-5, beat Rollett and Amy 10-1. Henderson and Spanton lost to Gibbons and Leach 5-8, lost to Rollett and Amy 6-8, beat Pragnell and Kirby 6-5. The Dockyard won by 57 games to 43.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

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SHANGHAI MARKET SENSATION.

Something like panic prevails in the Shanghai lumber and timber market, because of the sudden arrival of several Oregon pine cargoes, as well as woods from Japan and the Philippines. This floods Chinese dealers, who had overstocked at high war prices, in a precarious situation.

Local lumber and timber prices have dropped 20 to 35 per cent, with the probability of further reductions, as tonnage is released and shipping restrictions are raised. The position is one that might well happen in any other trade on a weak market, if general importers are not careful to restrict importations to actual spot requirements, instead of gambling on importing large stocks for which there is no immediate demand.

Regardless of the fact that most of the wood now imported has actually cost more than the new selling rates, an overstocked market condition has brought about a general reduction as shown in the statement of nominal quotations issued to the trade by the China Import and Export Lumber Co., Ltd.

The Chinese lumber dealers operating on Soochow Creek and in Nantao will be the people most affected by the drop in prices. Many of these dealers may have to go into bankruptcy because of carrying an excess of stocks imported at high costs, and which must now be sold at a tremendous sacrifice.

On the other hand, the price reductions should be beneficial to the building trade in general in that the lower wood values should tend to ward the resumption of building operations that had been suspended because of the high prices and lack of certain material suitable for certain work.—"N. C. Daily News."

JAPAN AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Mr. H. G. Wells sends this message to Japan through the *Mainichi*—

"How far are the Japanese people interested in the idea of a League of Nations, which has taken hold so far upon the British, French, American and Italian imaginations?"

"For the second time, after an interval of a century, the nations of the world have decided to band themselves together against the attack of a great military Power upon the peace and freedom of mankind."

"The fate that overtook Napoleon now closes upon the Hohenzollerns, but at a cost of nearly thirty million lives and an incalculable wastage of human resources."

"In the hearts of our Western and Atlantic peoples there arises a passionate resolve that such a tragedy shall not occur again, and thousands of our best minds are setting themselves to the task of planning a great World League or Federation of States for the salvation of the human commonwealth from another such catastrophe."

"We see it as a World Council, restraining armaments as well as military and economic war. We see it as a systematic substitution of the idea of human welfare for that of human conflict in the minds of all mankind."

"We look to the highly civilised peoples of Japan and China to help us in this task. What is Japan doing in this matter?"—H. G. WELLS.

TIENTSIN HONOURS PRESIDENT WILSON.

The former Wilhelmstrasse in the ex-German Concession in Tientsin is to be renamed Woodrow Wilson Street, according to the decision of the Chinese Provincial authorities, which has received the approval of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of the Interior at Peking.

The renaming of the street will take place with certain ceremonies at a date soon to be announced. The name plates, containing Woodrow Wilson Street in both English and Chinese, will be placed at the two corners, diagonally opposite each other, as the street passes through the circle where "Tid Willie" once stood.

The metal name plates will soon be cast and when they are in place will be covered with the Chinese and American flags, to be removed at the unveiling. The Civil Governor of Chihli will deliver an address which will be interpreted by Mr. Hwang Yang-shang, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Heintzelmann, the American Consul General will reply to the Governor. It is planned to have Miss Hwang, Miss Li, and Miss Hwang take part in the unveiling ceremony.

The Chinese Police Band will play the American National Anthem, and the Band of the 11th Infantry will respond with the national anthem of China.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

INDUCTION OF NEW VICAR.

There was a large gathering at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, last evening when the Bishop of Victoria, induced to the living of St. Andrew's, the Rev. A. T. Woodman Dowling, M.A. Prior to the service there was a social gathering at which Mr. Dowling was introduced to the members of his congregation.

Those present at the Church included H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., and the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kamp, I.C. C.B.E. Among the Clergy assisting the Bishop were Archdeacon Barnett, the Revs. H. Copley Moyle, W. T. Featherstone, C. B. Shann, C. I. Blanchett, A. D. Stewart, J. W. Harrington, J. Kirk Macdonald, N. W. Chan and Rev. Yau Lee. The Rev. H. Copley Moyle read the first part of the Evening Prayer. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald read the Lesson—St. John, Chap. X, Vs. 1-10. The new chaplain was presented to the Bishop by the warden of the Church, Messrs. J. J. Robson and R. Packham.

The Bishop, in the course of a short address, expressed his great regret at the delay there had been in filling the vacant position. He thanked all those who had helped in carrying on the services of the Church during the last nine months. Mr. Dowling carried to them with the highest references. The Trustees in England had all spoken highly of the Rev. Mr. Dowling. He had also received certificates from the Bishops of Ripon, Plymouth and Durham testifying to the new vicar's work and character. His educational attainments and clerical experience were of no mean order. He had taken a good degree, that of Master of Arts, of Durham, and had then proceeded to Oriel College, Oxford to read Theology. He also studied in the Ripon Theological College, and had held a curacy in South Wales. When war broke out the Rev. Mr. Dowling volunteered for the Front, and had served for two years in France, sharing with the soldiers the trials and difficulties of war. He thought that the new vicar's wide experience would satisfy all.

The Rev. A. T. W. Dowling then read out two declarations, which he subsequently signed, promising to work faithfully among his congregation and to look upon the Bishop as the head of the Anglican Church in Hongkong. Special prayers followed, after which the *Veni Creator* was sung by the congregation, kneeling. With Sir Paul Chater leading, the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the Rev. A. T. W. Dowling, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone and the Church Warden went in procession to the West Door, where the new Vicar was handed the key of the Church. The bells were then visited and the bells rung by the Vicar to signify that he had taken charge of the parish.

The Bishop preached from the text "And the night following the Lord stood by him and said: Be of good cheer Paul; for as thou hast testified of Me in Jerusalem; so must thou bear witness also at Rome."—Acts, Chap. XXIII, v. 11. He said that the present was a very solemn occasion for the Church, which had not had a very long history. Opened as they all knew, in the Autumn of 1906 it had had already three chaplains. The first chaplain was only able just to commence his work when his health forced him to leave the Colony. The second chaplain, the Rev. H. O. Spink, was a remarkable example of a manly Christian. He had great influence with the boys, and they had learnt from him the manliness of Christianity. It was in keeping with his character that he should have offered to go to the front as an ordinary private, leaving his comfortable living. He was subsequently promoted chaplain and they all knew how he was one of the many who had laid down their lives for them and for their country. Their next Chaplain was the Rev. N. C. Pope. He was a man of extraordinary ability, a great Bible student, a remarkable teacher and preacher—a theologian in fact. Their new incumbent was now called upon to enter into his incumbency. He (the preacher) did not know whether there was any place in the East where they could find a parish as remarkably well equipped with all the necessary plant for carrying on parochial work as St. Andrew's, Kowloon—a beautiful church, a spacious parish hall, and a comfortable vicarage, all were there and more than that; the new vicar would find a congregation of loyal hearts, men and women who were prepared to receive him as sent by God; who would unite in prayer for him, who would look up to him as their shepherd, and who would help him in every possible way. He came to people who were generous in substance, as well as in time and labour. The new vicar would find a very different out here to what he was in England. He would find greater opportunities, more encouragement, and he would also find some discouragement. There would be fewer people to attend their own church here than there would be in England. The climate was hot and trying and it required, perhaps, a greater effort to attend church. But

THE MAGISTRACY.

ALLEGED BIG LARCENY.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida appeared to represent a Chinaman, who was charged with stealing and receiving jewellery to the value of nearly \$2,000.

The owner, a woman, in waking up one morning, found her servant girl missing together with the jewellery. The defendant was arrested and later the girl. The jewellery included under the second charge was subsequently found at No. 17 Store in the Ordnance Department. A further lot of jewellery was also recovered in Macao and for the purpose of getting it identified, the case was remanded until the 31st.

ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION.

The master of a salt shop at Reclamation Street summoned an employee for breach of trust and misappropriation.

The defendant had contracted certain private debts, and it was said, he paid these off with the proceeds of a sale of a quantity of salt worth \$277 which he obtained in his firm's name from a certain shop. At the Police Station he stated that the \$40 he paid to the shop represented all the salt he bought.

The case was remanded.

RICKSHAW NUISANCE.

Three Chinese, private rickshaw drivers, were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with soliciting public fares in Kowloon. Mr. Lo, who appeared for the prosecution in the case of one of the defendants, said that these rickshaw cabs were becoming a nuisance. He did not want to press the charge, but this system had been habitually carried out by the private drivers and a stop ought to be put to it. Two of the drivers charged were fined \$5 each by the Magistrate who informed them that they would be more heavily fined the next time.

SHAMEEN NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A COOK WANTED.

A few days ago, a Mrs. Meurer placed in the driver of the dressing table in her bedroom a pearl necklace consisting of ninety-three graduated pearls and four pearl and diamond rings, to the total value of \$7,000. She locked the drawer but left the key in the lock and also left all the doors open. Some hours after she found the jewellery and also the cook had disappeared. And they have not yet returned.

NO MORE GERMANS.

On Thursday last an extraordinary meeting of the members of the Canton Club was held. Over 75 per cent. of the Regular Members attended and unanimously passed an amendment to the Constitution to the effect that "no German or Austrian subject or a subject of any nation who on September 30th, 1918, was at war with Great Britain or her Allies, was eligible for membership or could be invited into the Club as a visitor." The resolution was passed with great enthusiasm and loyal cheers. One member wished to propose that "as certain neutral members of the Club were known to be absolutely pro-German, they also should be excluded," but the Chairman pointed out that such a resolution would not be in order at the present meeting.

AMERICAN RED CROSS.

On Saturday afternoon (21st) the American Red Cross Chapter held a Social gathering at the Canton Club Theatre. A sale of toys, sweets, Christmas presents and sundry useful articles was held between the hours of 4 and 6, and from 6 to 9 p.m. dancing was indulged in. The affair was a great success and we hear that over \$20,000 was the result.

NOVAL DEFENSE.

All Shameenites are delighted at the fact that at last the Germans have been cleared out of the little island. For the last four years it has been almost impossible to avoid coming in contact with these "moral lepers" as our C.G. so aptly describes them. Now we can breathe the air freely. By the way, we notice that the whole of Shameen has lately been disinfected with Izoal. Is this to wash away the leprosy germs?

was sure they did not observe the Lord's Day here as they ought to do; and so it would not be surprising that after a while their new incumbent would begin to wonder whether he was the right man for the place, whether he did right by leaving his living in the homeland and coming to this outlandish place. They all knew that at some moment in a person's life, these questions would have to be faced. Divine vision was necessary to overcome discouragement but few received divine vision because they had not a sufficiently receptive spirit. They must have conscious knowledge of Christ's presence and be of good cheer. He urged the members of the congregation to encourage their spiritual life together, to win their own differences and to be of one mind.

SLAVERY IN HONGKONG.

REV. H. COPELEY MOYLE'S
STRONG DENUNCIATION.

The follow is an extract from the sermon preached by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday from which it will be seen he denounces the slavery which he asserts exists and is tolerated in the Colony.

Mr. Moyle said:—
At a meeting of our local Church of England Men's Society last week a paper was read on the subject of child labour in Hongkong; it probably came as a surprise to some to hear that there is a large class of slave girls in this Colony. We have always understood that where the British flag flies there can be no toleration of slavery, yet here we find that slavery is tolerated, and though the words "buying and selling slaves" are not used, that girls are exchanged for a present of money, and that the person who gives that money becomes a slave owner. Surely the Christian conscience of the community should make itself felt in this matter. We talk of liberty, and thousands have laid down their lives in the war that liberty may not be crushed, and shall we stand apathetically on one side while slavery is tolerated amongst us. All that can be said in favour of slavery has been said over and over again and the Christian conscience of mankind has decided that it is an intolerable custom fraught with cruelty and evil, and that its benefits are nothing compared to its evil results. I believe if it were generally known amongst the British population of this Colony that such a state of slavery exists there would be an overwhelming demand for its abolition, but too often the facts are unknown. I was some considerable time here before I learned of the existence of this slavery, and I am sure it is possible for people to live for years in the Colony and know nothing about it. This is a matter which we Christians are ought not to regard with apathy; if this state of virtual slavery is allowed to continue it will show that the Christian conscience of this community is in a state of moral torpor from which it needs to be aroused. And it is the duty of those who worship here to arouse it.

CHRISTMAS
PREPARATIONS.

Preparations for Xmas festivities are being made on a large scale. The leading hotels are having special dinners and dances and for some days all the tables have been booked. Decorations are being done in a very lavish way and every place has a festive look.

Christmas programmes are being given at the several places of entertainment. At the matinee at the Victoria Cinema on Christmas Day there will be a distribution of toys to all children attending. Each child will receive one toy. The toys are now on view at the entrance to the theatre. Nor is the Christmas pantomime forgotten and many children and adults too will be able to revel in the delights of the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk." At the various Clubs the Season is marked by dances, Xmas drawing and decorations. Thanks to the liberal subscription to the Services Entertainment Fund, Christmas in barracks will be of a very festive character. The various messes are also contemplating a jolly Xmas Season.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES.

Special Christmas Services will be held in all the Churches, the following being the several orders of Services:—
St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, Christmas Day, 24th December, 1918.—Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. and after Morning Service. Morning Prayer at 11 a.m. Responses: Festal: Venite, Crotch; Psalms: 19 Monks; 45 Ouseley and Macfarren; 88 Turle; 74 Deum, Oakley in F; Jubilate, Hayes; Kyrie, Thorne; Hymns: 86, 83 (Tune 113), 474, 87.
St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, Christmas Day, 1918.—Holy Communion 6.45 a.m. and 7.45 a.m. Service, Merbecke and Aslam; Hymns: 59, 62, 320, 322, 558, 551. Hymns 11 a.m.: Responses: Festal: Venite, Crotch; Psalms: Mopk, Ouseley and Macfarren; Te Deum, Oakley in F. (15th evening); Jubilate, Jones (12th morning); Hymns: 80, 62, 59, God Save the King. N.B.—Psalm 19, verses 1, 2, 4, 8, 14 and 15 in union; Psalm 45, verses 1, 4, 7, 11, 16 and 18 in union; Te Deum, verses 1, 2, 14, 15, 16 and 17 in union; Hymn, 62, verses 1 and 6 in union; Hymn 59, verses 1 and 4 in union. Holy Communion 12 noon. N.B.—Circles will be sung at Even Song on Sunday next, 29th December. Union Church, 10.30 a.m., Christmas Hymns. Preacher—the Rev. J. E. Macdonald.

SMALL SILVER IN YANCHOW.

Many supposed that silver would fall with the war, but it has not. Events have falsified this supposition. It is true that the Bar Silver market at London has come down. But the Chinese small silver coins are little influenced, and continue to rise. This is due to their hoarding by the Chinese.

The Chinese people have learned from the lessons of centuries the risk of holding paper currencies, which are too often heavily discounted, owing to their reckless issue by the Government's financial authorities.

Once they come to see, they hoard in gold, which is the most secure store, for it is the only one that cannot be inflated. Their distrust of the bank is so ingrained that they have refused to transact with them in the height of inflation.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

No one of communicable disease was reported to-day. Last week's totals were two of diphtheria (both fatal), six of enteritis (three fatal), and one fatal case of smallpox. All were Chinese.

Lieut.-Colonel A. Lane, Army Ordnance Department, and Major V. J. Scantlebury, R.G.A., are recent additions to the garrison, having arrived by s.s. "Pembroke" to-day.

Mr. Villiers S. Brandt, formerly chief clerk in the Bureau of Justice, Manila, writing from France to friends in Manila, says that it cost him \$184 gold to get from California to Washington.

Musical lovers should not overlook the announcements of the King's Hotel concert for Saturday afternoon. Miss Zaleska and Mr. Kirilloff are really high class artists.

At a recent meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society it was decided to postpone the drawing of the War Bonds until 15th February 1919.

Shanghai Chinese have been taking President Wilson's assertion of the principle of "self-determination" very seriously. They expect the return to China of Hongkong, Tientsin, and Formosa.

Telegraphic information has been received in Batavia that the Netherlands Government has requisitioned the steamers Bace, Java, and Ambon, lying in Amsterdam, to bring nitrates from Chili to Holland. The Bace was already partially laden with a cargo for the Dutch East Indies and the Netherlands Company will have to abandon the project of despatching the Java and Ambon to the Dutch East Indies. The Directorate of the Netherlands Company protested energetically against this requisition, but in vain. The company maintains that the interest of the N.E.I. were being neglected, but the Government stated that, under the conditions obtaining at present, the ships could not be liberated.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK
AT THE CORONET THEATRE.

The Coronet Theatre, known in the past as the Bijou Theatre opens this afternoon with something really big in the way of films.

Mr. Ray, the energetic manager informs us that the advance booking is very heavy and that it behoves all who want seats to book quickly.

The Theatre inside can scarcely be recognised, the size and arrangements having been entirely altered. To mention one little detail, the screen itself is stated by an expert to be best in Hongkong.

Mr. Ray says he has had three main objects in view, first class films, first class presentation, and the complete comfort of his clients. So far as we can judge from what we have seen already, he has succeeded admirably.

The film "Jack and the Beanstalk" as may have been seen, from the advertisement is something entirely new to Hongkong and will certainly fulfil the expectations of those who have taken the first class seats in the first few hours of booking at Robinson's.

We wish the new venture every success.

CAPTAIN FRASER OF THE
HIRANO MARU.

Captain Hector Fraser, who was either killed or drowned when his ship, the Hiranu Maru, was torpedoed, with 300 lives lost, on the way to Oporto, has had a distinguished career. Born 71 years ago, he started his seafaring life 50 years ago, when he sailed to Australia on the Murray, which took 15 months to make the voyage. Captain Fraser had a general and kindly personality, and before the war captained the Kasuga Maru, travelling between Japan and Australia. The medals awarded to him are: the Star of the Sacred Mirror (the highest decoration given by the Mikado) for services in the Russo-Japanese war; a second was presented for service in the war with China; and two others are Japanese medals for service in the present war. The German had a price on Captain Fraser's head, similar to that of Captain Fryatt. "Don't you find life at sea very monotonous, considering you have had 50 years of it?" he was asked one day. "Monotonous," cried the old captain. "There is no monotony at sea; but I often wonder how the people on land can stand the monotony of their life." He had held the rank of captain for 40 years. His widow and two married daughters live in England, and of his two sons, one, Lieutenant Donald Fraser, was killed in France last January, and the other, Engineer Lieutenant Hector Fraser, is an active service in the navy. A brother, Mr. John Fraser, is an expert printer on the staff of the Sydney Botanic Gardens.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory at 1 p.m. to-day: Cyclone or typhoon E. of southern Luzon moving N.N.W.

HAVERSACKS.

Possibly the strangest collection of oddments in the world is to be found in the soldier's haversack. The contents of a schoolboy's pocket toms a good second; though of course if a schoolboy had a pocket the size of a haversack he would probably win hands down.

In mounted units the haversack is worn over the left shoulder, in order that it may not interfere with the bridle arm; in dismounted units the haversack is worn over the right shoulder; and just as the manner of wearing it varies with different branches of the Service, so also do the contents of the haversack vary.

The gunner officer who is going on his twenty-four hour tour of duty in an observation post at the front carries his food for that period in his haversack. He also carries therein his sketching book, and, if he is bent upon doing the thing in style, he will carry a plate, knife, and collapsible mug. Of course the sort of food he takes depends mainly upon himself. If he elects to take hard-boiled eggs, however, let him be very sure that they are hard-boiled. It is marvellous what a colour scheme can be obtained by squeezing one's way along a narrow trench when one is hampered by a bulky haversack in which are, among other things, strawberries, a loose tube of iodine, two bottles of ink (one red and one black), a bottle of oilburn mixture, and a bottle of rat poison. I know an enterprising youth who made the experiment, and I had the good fortune to be in the observation post when he arrived and began to unpack.

Truly it has been said that the contents of a man's haversack form an indication of his character. If he is a quiverer, he will add to his burdens by coming home from the observation post with his haversack full of trophies in the shape of furs, fragments of shell and the like. If he is of an absent-minded disposition he will probably return with an empty haversack, having left several important things behind. I have seen two very fine barrier pups emerge from quite an innocent looking haversack. The wearer had come across them as he was making his way home from the O. P., and had carried them in his haversack, along with the unexpended portion of his dinner, his toilet bag, and the latest copy of "La Vie" for about two miles.

It is astonishing what one can get into the present modern haversack, in fact it is the suit-cases of the subaltern who proceeds on week-end leave. Pyjamas, razors, sponge-bags, books to read in the train, the latest number of the "Pink Un", all these will fit quite comfortably into a haversack. And there is little doubt that the haversack has come to stay. After the war the average man is not going to part company with it, he has discovered its value. In the days to come, when the Hundred and Peace Time, when the weekend holiday makers and excursionists are again thronging the London termini, you will see each man with his haversack, his faithful companion of former days, over the left or right shoulder, according to the branch of the Service in which he soldiered during the Great War.

INTERNATIONAL
ANTI-OPIMUM UNION.

The above Union has issued a manifesto in Chinese, in which the present laxity in enforcing opium prohibition in China is attributed chiefly to the military struggle between North and South. The fact that the revival of the opium trade and the cultivation of the poisonous poppy have been reported almost in every province in this country is very much to be deplored. The harm wrought by morphine, whose evil effect is said to be a hundred times worse than opium, is also pointed out. With the object of rendering the Government every help possible to rid the country of these two drugs, this Union has been formed in Peking by Chinese, British and American subjects. Three practical methods have been adopted by the Union to realize its worthy aim:—

(1) To write to the churches and hospitals of British and American merchants of different districts asking them to make investigations on the spot, and ascertain whether there is any trading in morphine, or any cultivation of opium; and if there is, to inform this Union.

(2) To have a reliable information obtained by the Union before the (Chinese) Government's letter, and to publish it in the newspapers.

(3) To write letters embodying such information to the officials and peoples of Great Britain and the United States of America, so as to enlist their sympathy and support.

EMPEROR BOATS RETURN.

Having been released from war work by the British Government, the C.P.R. liners "Empress of Russia" and "Empress of Asia" will resume the trans-Pacific run from Hongkong to Vancouver.

The local office of the company states that the "Empress of Russia" will arrive in Hongkong, the latter part of January, and in all probability will resume regular service by the close of February. Simultaneous with its departure from Hongkong, the "Empress of Asia" will leave Vancouver, with Hongkong as its destination. The exact dates for their schedule will be announced later.

These two boats were impressed into the British service in April of last year, and were remodelled for army transports. They will now be rebuilt inwardly, and be better than before.

The company's liner "Empress of Japan" is at present undergoing its yearly over-hauling in Whimpoed yards. It will leave this port for Vancouver on the 15th of February.

NEW INDUSTRIAL
MINISTRY FOR FRANCE.

An official Paris cable announces that France has decided to establish a Ministry to deal with industrial reconstruction at the same time abolishing the Munition Department. This new Ministry will, with the co-ordination of all other departments of the Government, promote the production of the different industries and undertake the distribution of materials for the different departments of the Government. The Ministry is authorized to share in every project regarding the productive activities of the French nation. M. Roussier, Minister of Munitions, will take up the new position.

The French Government has also decided to legislate with a view to rendering easier the return of munition factories to their normal business. The National Assembly will soon be asked to give a credit of 3,000,000 francs for the purpose. The munition factories will mostly be ordered according to their efficiency and capacity to manufacture ships, agricultural implements, and other machines and tools, which are very poorly supplied in France now.

The Foreign Trade Bureau will also be reorganized and converted into an independent institution to which Trade Commissioners will be attached. The number of Commercial Commissioners will also be increased.

In connection with this official cable it is stated in an official report that in the enemy-occupied area in France formerly there were 25,000 factories and their production represented 30 per cent of the whole industrial production in France before the war. The shares of the different industries in that area in the whole industrial production in France were 90 per cent in iron and steel, 83 per cent in iron pigs, 75 per cent in steel, 70 per cent in coal, 94 per cent in tops, 90 per cent in linen, and 65 per cent in sugar. The rough estimate of investment in the destroyed plants is 5,386,000,000 francs. The reconstruction of those plants will require three times that amount of capital.

MANILA MARKET.

A report by Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co., Ltd., dated Nov. 30, says Manila hemp exporters had not been buying owing to stagnation in the U.S.A. Buying for the British Government was suspended. Export prices were quoted 898 17s 9d per ton L.A.B. Bales received were 1,772,138, and clearances 68,635 bales, mostly to England. Bales in store 222,894.

Hollo sugar (centrifugal 96 deg.) was quoted 221 7s per ton f.o.b. Total crop for 1918-19 was estimated to be 250,000 tons. Tons exported 5,624,822.

The copra market held firm, with hardly any purchase by the oil factories. Exporters were buying sundried at 297 15s. A cargo from Singapore arrived and was locally bought. Export to date, 870,034.

Coal firm. Rice market declining. Flour dull, local supplies still large.

Freights and charters quiet, with rates weak.

A CHARMING CHINAMAN.

Members of the Hongkong Sketch Club should appreciate these sentiments attributed to a Chinese artist by Professor Giles: "To gaze upon the clouds of autumn, a soaring breeze stirring wild exultant thoughts—what is there in the possession of gold and silver and jewels to compare with delights like these? And then to transfer to this canvas the glories of flood and fall, the green forest, the blowing winds, the white water of rushing cascade. These are the joys of painting."

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Goods not cleared by the 28th inst. at Noon, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.**
General Managers.
Hongkong, Dec. 20, 1918.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th instants will be subject to rent.
All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 6th Jan., 1919 or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th instants, at 11 a.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.**
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FROM AUSTRALIA AND MANILA

THE Company's Steamship "NIKKO MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day.
Goods not cleared by the 27th Dec., 1918, will be subject to rent.
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors Messrs Goddard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Agents.
Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1918.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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ORINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "EURYADES"

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A MIRACLE OF SHIPS.

Already there are in circulation many *sedition stories* of the vulgar mass of these new landowners. Knowing nothing of the traditions of the Empire countrywide, and *having no resources* amusement save those associated with the "fast life" of the metropolis, the house-patrons are the just and scandal of the village. How will they fare with their shooting parties?—the easily imagined. These intimate relations which existed between the owners and their tenants (farmers) were based upon *frondlessness*—knowledge, will inevitably give place to incessant wrangling, the lord of the manor insisting upon his "rights" the farmers upon the sanctity of the crop. It will be a generation hence that the effects of this change are fully felt, but they will be of such a nature as cause poignant regret that the great world we now live in is to be the outcome of our old owners.

Building began when the yard was only half completed. In August, less than a year after the contest was signed, thirty-seven vessels were on the way. There are probably fifty more and it is expected that by the end of the year twenty-eight will be launched and in the finishing bunch, seventy-eight will be in construction at the time. The programme anticipated at the height of activity, therefore, launched some three hundred vessels, delivered some three hundred, and every one of them is on schedule and all promises fulfilled. It is not wonderful that the water enthusiasts over the miracle. His figures themselves are eloquent.

The correspondent adds a may or may not be true, it once been widely circulated, O Obinians' first experience was alarming. A large shell them and exploded, knocking them with the concussion, but of them serious injury. The pay, with one sword, started the camp, five miles away, anyone who tried to expostulate big devil!" Nor could they arrested till they reached the home.

of Munitions has appointed a committee to advise him as to the control which has had little influence on the commodity of the "share market" the "Glasgow Herald." The taken has been regarded as a "share market" and it is the general and overplus, and it is the general control that in due course of control will be elaborated, carried it a compulsory restriction of Reference is made in the official comment to the necessity of saving freights, and it is therefore to be that the volume of imports will be. From this it follows that maximum would be necessary in order any speculative raising of the in consequences of the limitations. The producers recognize their interests would be best in a situation which ensured a profit on their output combined scheme which would bring all under control in the matter of production. Of necessity there are to be overcome, as a very large of rubber production is not territory or in British hands all the principal underlaid brought into the "world" could no doubt be formulated in the present position is in the high unsatisfactory, and not a little for many undertakings. The rubber is far in excess of demand, limited as it is by restrictions and shipping of stocks have accumulated which not infrequently have been working some owing to necessity of effecting realizations of large quantities. It is able to meet the demand and moderate dividends for the

"I told Peter that I had been at the Club, of which he is the President, and that he had discovered a vein of gold in the inhabitants of his new home—the estate of the Jews." As an illustration he told how a minister was visiting a sick parishioner who was preparing to die, and said he, "Well I don't see you get ill—very deep—and can't detain me?" Another of Lord's old bubble stories was about a lord who declined to sign a house and land contract which contained 32 clauses. He wrote a letter in these terms: "I have not been able to keep the terms handed to secure a man from heaven, I'm not going to try."

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On the 17th of March, 1906, the first of thirty-two for a farmhouse in the

ping companies are said to have sold them some 350,000 tons on the spot, pressed a flat building is practically standstill. All the large vessels, built in August 1916 are expected to be "building" and very few have been down since that date. It is generally certain that the private yards have been fully occupied in building submarines, and that the submarine industry has been completely hindered, the reconstruction of the German merchant fleet. It is likely that Germany after the war will buy ships from neutrals though the current arrangements for the Dutch shipyards in return for the steel, get the use of a few Dutch yards, but Norway and Sweden are busy with themselves only, and in any

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